

July 12, 2002

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Subject: PDC Case No. 03-014

The Public Disclosure Commission will hold an enforcement hearing to determine if Victims Advocates violated RCW 42.17.3691 by failing to electronically file contribution and expenditure reports beginning January 1, 2002.

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction of this proceeding is based on Chapter 42.17 RCW, the Public Disclosure Act, Chapter 34.05 RCW, Administrative Procedure Act, and Title 390 WAC.

Hearing Date:	Tuesday, July 23, 2002
Time:	9:00 AM (<i>All Times are Approximate</i>)
Place:	Evergreen Plaza Building Room 206, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, WA 98504-0908
Presiding Officer:	The Public Disclosure Commission, Mike Connelly, Chair
Authority for Hearing:	RCW 42.17.370 and 42.17.395

LAW

RCW 42.17.3691 requires a political committee that expended twenty-five thousand dollars or more in the preceding year or expects to expend twenty-five thousand dollars or more in the current year to electronically file contribution and expenditure reports. WAC 390-19-030 defines "expects to expend" as when a filer meets or exceeds the electronic reporting threshold; a filer's expenditures meet or exceed one-quarter of the electronic reporting threshold in the first calendar quarter of the current calendar year; or a filer's expenditures meet or exceed one-half of the electronic reporting threshold in the first half of the current calendar year.

FACTS AND CONCLUSION

Victims Advocates spent \$44,074.88 in 2001. Victims Advocates was reminded of the electronic filing requirement by letter dated June 4, 2002. A second letter was sent on June 27, 2002 advising that enforcement action would result unless Victims Advocates electronically filed its June C-4 report due July 10, 2002. Staff alleges that Victims Advocates has failed to electronically file contribution and expenditure reports, a violation of RCW 42.17.3691.

If you plan to be present at the hearing or be represented by legal counsel, please notify us in advance of the hearing date. If you do not plan to be present at the hearing, you may submit evidence in your own behalf or in mitigation. You may do so by writing to the Chair, Public Disclosure Commission, PO Box 40908, Olympia, WA 98504-0908.

You are not required by law to attend the hearing. However, the Public Disclosure Commission recommends that respondents personally appear at hearings whenever possible. If you fail to attend or provide information in your own behalf, you may be in default and the Commission may assess appropriate penalties. The Commission has the authority to assess a penalty of up to \$1,000 for a single violation, up to \$2,500 for multiple violations, or refer the entire matter to the Attorney General's office for higher penalties.

Susan Harris, Assistant Director, will represent staff at the hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Lori Anderson toll-free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Stutzman
Director of Compliance

c: Bobbie Zeliff, WSTLA PAC Administrator